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Title: METHOD FOR MOVING AT LEAST TWO ELEMENTS OF A  
PLACEMENT MACHINE AS WELL AS SUCH A PLACEMENT  
MACHINE

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this document.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 10 of this document.

**Amendments to the Abstract** are reflected on page 12 of this document;

**Remarks** are reflected on page 13 of this document.

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